

WARNS TAXPAYERS NOW IS TIME FOR BUDGET KICKING

Must Get Protests in Early If
They Are to Count, Says
Mr. Metz.

The Institute for Public Service, through former City Comptroller Herman A. Metz, Chairman of the Committee on Non-Partisan Facts, issued a statement yesterday reminding taxpayers who think \$350,000,000 is too much or too little for the city's budget for next year are being made now. He adds that the best time to start budget study is the month of June.

"Heretofore," writes Mr. Metz, "with the exception of two or three seasons, ten years ago, when citizen committees informed themselves and the public before it was too late, the public has discovered that budgets were too large or too small after officials had acted and when it was no longer easy for officials to consider citizen objection. In the early days of June, department heads will welcome opportunity to explain to those citizens who know their work best, what, if any, expansion or contraction is desirable next year, and why."

Last year the newspapers had stories and editorials lamenting the fact that the public libraries were crippled for lack of money. The trouble was these stories came two months after the budget was voted, when public and officers could do nothing about it. Likewise, last year Commissioner Enright was refused 500 more policemen when the budget was voted, although he claimed then that New York was under-policed. Citizens did not help him obtain the policemen, but later blamed him for not having enough.

"Clearly it ought not to require a crime wave or a disease wave or any other hard luck wave to secure public support for any proved need. Nor ought it to require a too high tax wave to secure public attention to unnecessary expenditures."

To help any person or agency which has evidence that the city needs more or less money for any purpose in the next budget, the Committee on Non-Partisan Facts and the Institute for Public Service will have men working every day all summer. The office is No. 1125 Amsterdam Avenue.

EXPECT LASCELLES TO BE MADE EARL.
LONDON, May 31.—King George is expected to announce Friday that Viscount Lascelles has been created an Earl. Princess Mary gives her first dinner dance of the summer season Friday.

\$157,000,000 Tobacco Merger Consolidates Products Co. And United Retail Stores

James B. Duke Understood to Have Directed
the Deal Which Brings Him Actively
Back Into the Trade.

A \$157,000,000 tobacco merger was announced yesterday by James M. Dixon, President of the Tobacco Products Corporation.

It is to be of Tobacco Products and the United Retail Stores Corporation, which by stock ownership controls the United Cigar Stores Company.

The merger, it is understood, is to be under the guidance of James B. Duke, founder of the American Tobacco Company and the British-American Tobacco Corporation, which means his return to active participation in the tobacco business and the exerting of powerful influence in the retail trade. His influence in the new corporation is indicated by the fact that Mr. Dixon, who is to head the new corporation, was associated with him from boyhood until he joined the present Tobacco Products Corporation. Thomas B. Yulie, who will be advisory head of the leaf tobacco buying department, also was trained under Mr. Duke, and became Vice President in charge of buying of leaf and manufacturing.

Wall Street has been predicting the merger and the return of Mr. Duke to the tobacco trade. The new merger is to be effected by an increase of capitalization of the Tobacco Products Corporation from \$35,000,000 to \$157,254,000 and an exchange of the stocks of that company and the United Retail Stores for the new Tobacco Products stock. The new stock is to be of two classes, "A" and common. Class "A" is to be 7 per cent. non-cumulative, on which dividends are to be paid soon after completion of the merger. The common, it is believed, will receive a dividend of not less than 5 per cent. for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The increase in capitalization is merely sufficient to take care of the exchange of stock.

The proposal to the stockholders of each company is an exchange of their holdings of common stock in each corporation for one-half share of the new Class "A" stock and one-half share of the new common for each one share of their present holdings. The option, however, is extended to the stockholders of both companies of taking all common stock of the merger in exchange for the common stock of the present corporations. Tobacco Products shareholders may take all Class "A" if they desire.

No shareholder is compelled to make the exchange, but may retain his present holdings. Holders of Retail Stores who do exchange will obtain a certain return of 2½ per cent. and a bonus in common stock that is expected to yield an additional 2½ per cent., thus giving an equivalent of 5 per cent. on their present holdings.

An official notice has been mailed to all stockholders of a meeting on June 25, to vote on the proposal.

Mr. Dixon yesterday said one of the principal benefits would be a pooling of the profits of manufacturing and retailing.

"The merger," Mr. Dixon continued, "will enable the United Cigar Stores, the principal subsidiary of Retail Stores, to effect many changes in its operating methods. No change in the personnel is contemplated, but new blood will be injected and expansion of the system will continue."

CAME AS IMMIGRANT, GOES BACK WEALTHY

Taking Family to Visit Old Home,
Has Best Suite on Ship.

Angelo Palmo, who arrived a steerage passenger twenty years ago with all his possessions in a bundle, leaves with his wife and family and a fortune on the Conte Rosso to-morrow to visit Rome. The family has the best suite on the ship.

"I'm coming back," said Angelo at a celebration in his home in Gerry Avenue, Corona. "I came here to get a chance and I got it. The only thing not American about me is my birthplace, and I couldn't help that." He started as a water boy with a Bronx contractor, and now he is one of the best known contractors in Queens.

**ENGLISH LAWYER EXECUTED FOR
POISONING WIFE.**
LONDON, May 31 (Associated Press).—Major Herbert Rowse Armstrong, a leading Welsh solicitor, was convicted

last month on a charge of poisoning his wife, was executed in Gloucester jail this morning. He originally was arrested charged with attempting to poison Oswald Martin, a solicitor, but was tried for murder following the discovery that his wife had been poisoned. He is the first member of the English bar to be executed.

STUTTERER AWARDED \$12,500 SECOND TIME

Infirmary Caused by Accident Five
Years Ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—A verdict of \$12,500 because an accident in 1917 has made him stutter was awarded to William Van Pelt in Oakland against the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway. Van Pelt was driving a wagon that was struck by a car. He sued for \$25,000, alleging permanent injuries and a nervous affliction which makes him stutter.

Van Pelt was awarded \$12,500 two years ago, but Judge Robinson ordered a new trial.

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